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RELIEF TO ONION AND VEGETABLE GROWERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that onion and vegetable growers have to face adverse climatic conditions and suffer huge losses on this account;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether onion and vegetable growers are not given any comprehensive relief by the Union Government to offset the losses due to natural calamities;

(d) if so, whether the Government has any special plan for the farmers suffering from damages on the lines of special facilities given in America and European countries; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the necessary steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a) to (e): As per latest estimates the production of onion and vegetables in the country is 16.30 and 159.51 million tonnes respectively during 2012-13 as compared to 17.51 and 156.32 million tonnes during 2011-12.

The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing Centrally Sponsored Schemes namely Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH) and National Horticulture Mission (NHM) for the holistic development of horticulture in the country.

Under the missions, financial assistance is provided for taking up various activities related to horticulture including onion and vegetables such as production of quality planting material, area coverage through high yielding varieties, vegetable seed production, creation of water resources, protected cultivation, organic farming, promotion of integrated nutrient & pest management, pollination support through bee keeping, horticulture mechanization, technology dissemination through demonstration, human resource development, setting up of cold storages and creation of post harvest management and marketing infrastructure.